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SUBJ: DECLARATION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM

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1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE "DECLARATION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM", AGREED TO RECENTLY IN NAURU BY REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, FIJI, THE COOK ISLANDS, WESTERN SAMOA, TONGA AND NIUE. THE DECLARATION, DRAFTED BY NEW ZEALAND, IS IN RESPONSE TO THE PROSPECTIVE 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AND RECENT SOVIET OVERTURES TO TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA.

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2. "DECLARATION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM:

AT THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM
THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC UNDERLINE
THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING
PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAW OF THE SEA. HAVING
CONSIDERED A PAPER SUBMITTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI,
THEY REAFFIRM THE NEED FOR CONTINUING CONSULTATION AND
AGREED THAT THEIR DELEGATIONS WILL WORK TOGETHER VERY
CLOSELY AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE DUE TO OPEN IN NEW YORK ON 2 AUGUST.

3. "THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE FORUM HAVE A
COMMON INTEREST IN SEEING A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THE
CONFERENCE. ALL MEMBERS STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THE
CREATION OF A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, WHOSE RESOURCES
WOULD BE UNDER THEIR CONTROL, AND FOR MANY OF THEM IT
WILL OPEN THE WAY TO MAJOR NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.
THE STEPS THEY TAKE OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO ARE
THEREFORE OF GREAT POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC
IMPORTANCE.

4. "THE FORUM LEADERS RECOGNIZE THAT MUCH NEEDS TO BE
DONE TO PREPARE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 200 MILE
ECONOMIC ZONES AND TO ENSURE THAT, ONCE ESTABLISHED,
THE ZONES WORK TO THE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE SOUTH
PACIFIC COUNTRIES. THIS WILL BE CALL FOR COORDINATION AND
COOPERATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS. THE MEMBERS OF THE FORUM
WILL SEEK TO AVOID DECISIONS WHICH, BECAUSE OF LACK OF
CONSULTATION OR COORDINATION, COULD BENEFIT ONE OR
MORE MEMBERS ONLY, AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS AND OF THE
REGION AS A WHOLE.

5. "SEVERAL MAJOR STEPS WILL BE NEEDED ONCE 200 MILE
ZONES ARE ESTABLISHED. THESE INCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH
COUNTRIES THAT SEND THEIR FISHING FLEETS FROM OUTSIDE THE
REGION. THE FORUM LEADERS RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF A
COORDINATED APPROACH IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH DISTANT-
WATER FISHING COUNTRIES THAT NOW OPERATE IN THE AREA.

6. IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP A CAPABILITY
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FOR MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AND POLICING. THE PROBLEMS
INVOLVED IN THIS CAN BEST BE TACKLED THROUGH JOINT OR
COOPERATIVE ACTION.

7. "THE FORUM AGREED THAT, GIVEN THE STAGE WHICH THE
LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE HAS REACHED, IT WILL BE
DISIRABLE FOR THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO MEET SHORTLY AT
GOVERNMENT LEVEL. THEIR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO CONSIDER

THE TIMING AND TERMS OF THE CREATION OF 200 MILE ZONES;
THE PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THEM; THE
CONSERVATION OF MARINE RESOURCES; THE POSSIBLE CREATION
OF A SOUTH PACIFIC FISHERIES AGENCY; AND THE PROSPECTS
FOR A JOINT ACTION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION IN MATTERS SUCH
AS SURVEILLANCE AND POLICING.

8. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN SUVA
SOON AFTER THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE CONCLUDES."

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